

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in this application. Claims 14, 18 and 20-26 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 1-13, 15-17 and 19 were allowed. Applicants hereby cancel claims 14, 18 and 20-26 without prejudice. Accordingly, allowed claims 1-13, 15-17 and 19 are still pending.

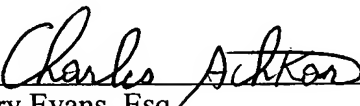
Objection to Abstract

The Examiner has objected to the phraseology in the Abstract. In reply, Applicants have amended the Abstract to remove the phraseology that was objected to. Accordingly, the Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw this objection.

No additional fees are believed to be due for the filing of this Amendment and Response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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